Mr. President: It is irrelevant.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Anyhow I do not proceed upon that. I may express then that on this point there is a strong feeling in the country that the poor parents as well as the poor pupils are being exploited for the benefit of a few who wax rich upon the spoils of the very poor. The point was made by Mr. Warriar. Therefore it is to emphasise the point made out by Mr. Warriar which has been borne in upon us by personal experience that I have stood up and I hope the Government will institute an enquiry in this matter and see that proper redress is made.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North):* Is this statement based upon facts, Sir?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The complaint that some books are being sold at prices higher than those fixed by the Government is true. I have received this complaint.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether on the book that has been sold in excess of the price fixed by the Government it is printed 14 annas instead of 12 annas. If so, it is a serious thing because it is an open defiance of an express order of the Government.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I have no information.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* It is a fact. Unfortunately I have not brought the book. I have got it with me.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North):* When was it brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Member.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It was brought to my notice about last week and I have handed it over to the Inspecting Officer to go to the spot and find out what precisely was the reason. It was priced at 7 annas 6 pies and it was being sold at 8 annas.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North):* Can we rely upon the Government to take the necessary action in the matter?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Certainly. Otherwise the Government will stand self-condemned. I can assure the Hon'ble Members that whenever a matter of this kind is brought to the notice of the Government by anybody it is not necessary that it should be by the Hon'ble Members of this House who has been aggrieved by the infraction of the rule the department will take the most stringent action. It will be absolutely deterrant.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Sir, in the light of the assurance given by the Hon'ble Member for Education I do not wish to press this motion to a division. I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 4

Recruitment or promotion of teachers

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,816 for Direction and Inspection by Rs. 2.* The object is *to recruit or promote in future either Intermediates or those who have secured at least 1st class for S.S.L.C. Training Examination as teachers of English Schools and restrict the promotions to the Lower Secondary Department from the Primary Department only to such teachers who have the qualification referred to above both Government and aided services.*

The purpose of this motion is to have more efficient tuition in English which has considerably gone down because of the vernacularisation of studies which I do not approve *(Hear, hear)* and also for the using of Malayalam as the language for medium of instruction. The motion itself is sufficiently clear and I do not want to waste the time of the House.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* It is not clear.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It is sufficiently clear for any clear-headed person. Please read it well.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I am muddle-headed *(Laughter).*

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Pity! I will explain.

The recruitment to the English Primary Schools should be restricted to those who have higher education in English above the standard of S.S.L.C. It must be at least restricted to Intermediates or those who have shown some merit in their professional education. So also in the case of promotion to the Lower Secondary Department from the Primary Department what is done generally now is to give promotions to S.S.L.C. trained teachers. This also should be restricted to those who are more efficient and qualified. The idea is to restrict promotions to Intermediates or S.S.L.C. trained candidates who have got 1st class in the training examination.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North):* You are penalising all second class people.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* After all is the training examination a sure test of proficiency in English ?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It is rather the most important test.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Regarding this motion my Hon'ble friend said that proficiency in English is getting a first class in the training examination. Sir, a man after passing school final examination teaches for so many years and then he goes to the training school and if he is a book-worm he may get a first class. But on the other hand he may be reading newspapers and he may have wide knowledge about international affairs. Such a person on account of his inability to cram notes may fail to get a first class. Now my friend wants that a book-worm who can cram the teacher's notes should be given this promotion. There is one school of thought that says that examinations cannot be relied upon to find out the efficiency of a man. We find men who have not passed any examination coming to the fore-front as leaders. After all a man may get 59 marks, a narrow escape from a first class, and what is the difference ? Therefore, I am not able to approve of this motion.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Sir, It is not of course possible on an occasion like this to enter into the question whether examinations may be accepted as a test of one's efficiency or not. That is not the point at issue as far as the Government are concerned. A distinction is sought to be drawn by this cut motion between persons who have passed the S.S.L.C. on the one hand and people who have just matriculated and done two years in the University on the ground that they have two years of University education on the other. During the history of 35 years of this department the distinction that has been drawn by the department is between graduates on the one hand and under-graduates on the other, under-graduates including S.S.L.C. holders and persons who have passed the Inter-Arts examination. Now the Hon'ble Member wants that a person who has passed the S.S.L.C. and who has further qualified himself by professional training and taking up a first class should alone be promoted to the secondary classes. This would be an infringement of a privilege which the teachers had enjoyed for many years. It is not strictly speaking possible to enter into a discussion as to whether on technical grounds a man who holds Inter-Arts certificate is better qualified than one who is an S.S.L.C. This discussion even if it is relevant cannot be entered upon at present. I would simply say that as matters stand the lot of the under-graduates is sufficiently hard now and to introduce this additional distinction on the score of a very abstract acadamic ground would further make the situation complicated and make the life of these poor teachers still more hard. The existing arrangement has worked very satisfactorily and that in all administrative matters I think is a fair test. If anything works sufficiently satisfactorily for the time being it should not be interfered with. I am not, therefore, inclined to accept the point sought to be made out by the Hon'ble Mover by means of this cut motion. If he had moved it in a different and had simply said that persons who had two years' training should if possible be given some sort of preference it might have been probably possible at least in some cases. But here he is attempting to make a departure which would affect the fortunes of a very large number of low-paid teachers and Government do not consider that it would be wise, particularly at times like the present, to accept a motion like this which certainly has very disastrous consequences on the poor teachers.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* After hearing the satisfactory explanation given by the Hon'ble Member for Education I do not wish to press the motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 5

Affiliation of the Sanskrit College, Trippunittura, to the Madras University

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I beg leave of the House to move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,816 for direction and inspection by Rs. 2.* The object is to bring to the notice of the Government the necessity *(To affiliate the Sanskrit College, Trippunittura with the Madras University and to open the Malayalam Section of the Oriental Titles Examinations).* Without any further speech I place this for the kind acceptance of this House.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Without any speech, how can we understand ?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Members who have sense will understand. Others need understand only so much. *(Laughter).*

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Without any speech, how can we understand ?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Members need understand only so much. *(Laughter).*

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